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DECEMBER 4.

The President, Dr. LEIDY, in the chair.

Thirty-six persons present.

A paper entitled "A Study of the Distribution of Gluten within the Starch Grain," by N. A. Randolph, M. D., was presented.

Gold from North Carolina.—Prof. H. CARVILL LEWIS exhibited some remarkable gold nuggets, found in Montgomery county, North Carolina, forty miles east of Charlotte and two miles from Yadkin River. Some of the nuggets were of great size. One of them weighed over four pounds, and contained nearly \$1000 worth of gold, being finer than any specimens in the collection at the Mint. It was probably one of the largest nuggets ever found in eastern America. Many of the nuggets exhibited were nearly pure gold. The gold had a crystalline structure, and was of fine yellow color. It was stated that in the district of North Carolina whence these nuggets were taken, gold was very abundant. The larger specimens were found in the gulleys, where they had been washed out of the decomposed rock, and it had been stated that a shovelful of dirt dug out of the hillsides anywhere in this vicinity would pan out traces of gold. Some years ago one man took out of a hole sixteen feet square \$30,000 worth of gold. The quartzite containing the gold occurs in a white clay or decomposed schist.

DECEMBER 11.

The President, Dr. LEIDY, in the chair.

Thirty-three persons present.

On Extinct Rhinoceri from the Southwest.—Professor COPE exhibited the skull of a young rhinoceros, probably of the species *Aphelops fossiger* Cope, from the Loup Fork Bed of the valley of the San Francisco River, New Mexico. He also exhibited photographs of a mandibular ramus of a young rhinoceros, sent him by Dr. Mariano Barcena, of the City of Mexico. The ramus had been exhumed in the State of Mexico, and apparently belonged to a young individual of the *Aphelops fossiger*, but is of relatively small dimensions. Prof. Cope regarded the discovery as proving the existence of the Loup Fork formation at that locality.